

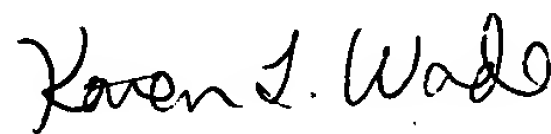
**Remarks**

On November 18, 2003, Applicants' attorney had a telephonic conference with Examiner Audet to get clarification about the restriction requirement, and applicants thank Examiner Audet for his time. In that conference, Examiner Audet agreed to examine the therapeutic compounds as a Markush group thereby allowing Applicant to provisionally elect a species from that group for examination on the merits. Examiner Audet also agreed to allow an election of species for oligomers having a common patentable feature. Applicants have provided herein, as new claim 73, a general formula covering the oligomers of claim 18.

Claims 1-22 and 64-65 are pending. Claims 1-22 and 64-54 are canceled herein without prejudice. New claims 73-86 are added herein. In particular, claims reading upon the elected claims are re-drafted herein as follows: claims 1 and 18 are combined into new claim 73; claims 5, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 19, 64, 65, and 7 are re-written as new claims 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84, respectively; and claim 21 is re-written in-part as new claims 85 and 86. Support for the new claims can be found in the original claims, as indicated above, and throughout the specification. No new matter is introduced by these new claims and their entry and examination are respectfully requested. Applicants believe that all matters in the Office Action have been fully addressed and that the application is in condition for examination on the merits.

Small entity status is asserted herein for this application. A check in the amount of \$1005.00 is enclosed herein as the fee for a 5-month extension of time for a small entity. This amount is believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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